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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Superior Court Judges in Maricopa County**

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of David Palmer and Pamela Frasher Gates to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

David Palmer has served as a Maricopa County Court Commissioner since 2004. He graduated from the Brigham Young University Law School in 1986, and received his undergraduate degree from BYU in 1983. He worked at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office from 1991 to 2004, and served as an associate in the law firms Perry, Pierson & Kolsrud and Shimmel, Hill, Bishop & Gruender earlier in his practice. He clerked for Judge D.L. Greer on the Arizona Court of Appeals from 1986-87.

"David has had an impressive career as a prosecutor and court commissioner," stated Governor Brewer. "His extensive courtroom experience and proven judicial expertise make him well qualified to be a superior court judge." This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Silvia Arellano.

Pam Gates is a partner with the law firm Bryan Cave, where she has worked since 1997. She worked for the law firm O'Connor Cavanagh from 1996 to 1997. She graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1996 with distinction, and received her undergraduate degree from Drake University in Iowa in 1993. She is active in many community organizations, including service on the board of UMOM New Day Centers, Arizona's largest homeless shelter for families.

"Pam is a tireless worker who has proven herself to be an outstanding attorney and advocate for her clients and causes," stated Governor Brewer. "Her sense of community and fairness make her well qualified to serve as a superior court judge." This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Thomas Dunevant III.

"It is truly an honor to appoint David Palmer and Pam Gates to the Maricopa County Superior Court," said Governor Brewer. "These are two outstanding attorneys who will serve the citizens of Maricopa County well as their newest judges."

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